

A bill entitled, an act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Peter Orndorff,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on judicial proceedings.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the conveyance of a certain lot of ground near Clear Spring in Washington county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Tidball, Schley and Hambleton.

A bill entitled, an act to prohibit the owners of vessels and others from navigating the same by and under the sole command of negroes or mulattoes,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on colored population.

The following message was received from His Excellency Governor Veazey, by the hands of Thomas Culbreth, Esquire, Clerk of the Council,

It was read, and with the accompanying document, referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, January 30th, 1837.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and
of the House of Delegates:*

We herewith lay before you, in pursuance of a request therein contained, a copy of a report and resolution, passed by the Legislature of Georgia, on the subject of the surplus revenue of the United States, proposed to be deposited among the states.

It will be perceived that the existence of a surplus of revenue in the national treasury is deprecated in the strongest terms by the Legislature of our sister state; and that the laws, by the operation of which this surplus was created, are viewed as an exercise of assumed power by the General Government. The whole context and tenor of the report clearly demonstrate that it is against what is familiarly called "the protecting power" that the Legislature of Georgia protest; and they urge an immediate reduction of the revenue to what they call "the legitimate wants of the Federal Government," (notwithstanding the compromise Tariff act of 1833,) upon the ground that the surplus has accrued in consequence of an assumption of power by Congress, not conferred by the constitution.